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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Hansen
FROM: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT: Draft of Proposed Presidential Speech or Statement concerning Psychological Warfare.

1. The Director has just requested me to submit to you the attached rough draft of a proposed speech or statement which the Director intends to transmit to the President pursuant to the President's request for a draft of a speech or statement on this subject.

2. You will note that the main text of the speech consists of some 19 pages in triple-spaced draft, and that there are two alternative introductions. The first alternative introduction is somewhat out of date and it would therefore be my recommendation to abandon this and to take the best portions of it and transport them into the body of the main text where they can be used as excellent examples of the technique of The Big Lie which is referred to in the text as it now stands. The second alternative introduction, as you will see, keys the speech to news of a breakdown of the Panmunjom negotiations. Since we have no way of knowing whether or when this will occur, this introduction is of dubious value and, accordingly, you might try to figure out another peg on which to hang the main body of the speech.

3. For your information, the original idea of a presidential statement or speech arose from an oral recommendation which the Director made to the President some time ago in connection with the consideration of [redacted] report on the Psychological Strategy Board. The President wrote a letter to [redacted] telling him that for various reasons he deemed it inadvisable to publish the [redacted] Report as written, but that he was very favorably impressed with the report and was giving consideration to finding an early occasion to make a talk on the general subject, in which he would propose to draw extensively upon the material in the [redacted] Report.

4. The Director wishes you to put your practiced hand to the task of polishing and, if possible, contracting the present draft. You may wish to rearrange the material, to change the emphasis, or to employ other measures of improvement. This is up to you, as the Director is anxious to have a better job done on the statement and believes you are the man who can do it.

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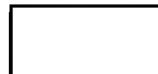
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5. When you have finished your work -- and the Director feels that it should be possible for you to do so within three or four days -- I recommend that you take it directly to the Director and ask him whether he wishes you to take any further steps. He may ask you to take it over to the White House and discuss it with Mr. Short or some others. On the other hand, he may suggest that you discuss it first with the Bureau of the Budget (Mr. Staats), who is deeply into the whole question of the structure and organization of the PSB. Finally, you should know that the State Department has been given four separate opportunities and some six weeks or more of time in which to suggest revisions or deletions, and has politely declined to do so. Mr. Howland Sargeant's latest statement to me on this question was that he has no wish or purpose to propose any changes or deletions, and that if the Director can produce a statement for the President which is acceptable to the top level of the Government, this will be perfectly fine with him.



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Att:

- 1 Memo to DD/P from C/PY dtd. 29 Apr, on subject draft.
- 2 Subject draft of proposed speech of statement

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